



Vandals damaged the Ashdod Chapel on Keene Street and other buildings at the Duxbury Convention recently.

## Vandals Strike Church

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Duxbury police are investigating an incident of vandalism at a local church.

Lt. Chip Chubb said that police received a call on Tuesday from the caretaker of the Free Christian Society's Duxbury Convention on Keene Street reporting that several buildings had been broken into sometime during the previous week.

"There was damage to a dorm building and the church where someone kicked in doors, broke windows and emptied the content of several fire extinguishers," said Chubb.

He said that all the damage was photographed but that there were no suspects at this time.

Gertrude Hayes, manager of the Convention for the Society, said that the organization spent numerous hours cleaning up broken glass and the contents of the fire extin-

guishers' white powder, especially in the Ashdod Chapel.

Hayes said the vandals also broke into two dormitories and a main building that houses the kitchen, but that nothing appeared to be missing.

"I'm not that angry, but I'm disappointed," she said. "Whoever did this has no respect for property."

Her grandson, 16-year-old Peter Hayes, said that if it was the work of local teens that "they need something better to do."

"There's no excuse for what they did," he added.

Mrs. Hayes said that the Society was established in 1902 with many of the buildings dating back to the 1900s. She believed the chapel was one of the oldest buildings in the town and the dateboard indicates its construction in 1876.

Neither Chubb nor Hayes could estimate a cost of the damage.